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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I appreciate more than you know your taking the time from your busy schedule to reply to my inquiry on the matter of consanguinous marriages.

Would it be correct to say "Where there is no hereditary abnormality in the common families, when two members of those families wed, the likelihood for defective offsprings is decreased?" Or to put it a more positive way, "the likelihood for healthy normal offsprings is increased? "

Most sincerely and very gratefully,

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P. S. - I am enclosing an envelope for your reply --- if you would be so kind.

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